

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND OF INTENT TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF FUNDS

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about December 17, 2012, the City of Fort Lauderdale will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) and the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, for the 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 program years.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is seeking the release of the following funds:

FY 2011/2012

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) = \$1,865,103.00

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) = \$969,802.00

Emergency Solutions Grant formerly Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) = \$90,528.00

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) = \$9,305,740.00

FY 2012/2013

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) = \$1,548,187.00

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) = \$540,324.00

Emergency Solutions Grant formerly Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) = \$161,513.00

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) = \$9,482,624.00

These funds are to be used to provide benefit to eligible Low/Moderate Income households throughout the corporate city limits of Fort Lauderdale through activities such as: Housing Programs, Public Services, CRA activities, Public Works projects, Housing Rehabilitation, Purchase Assistance, Automated Service Delivery Program, Case Management, Assisted Living Facility, Emergency Transition Housing, Community Based Housing, Substance Abuse Housing, Project Based Rent and Tenant Based Rental Voucher Program, Operation of Emergency Shelter for the Homeless, Utility Assistance and Emergency Rental Assistance to prevent Homelessness, Program Administration.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:

The City of Fort Lauderdale gives notice that it has determined the release of funds for the above referenced purposes will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and accordingly, has not prepared an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-910).

The reasons for not preparing an Environmental Impact Statement are as follows:

1. It is the intent of the City of Fort Lauderdale not to approve any projects with significant long-term adverse environmental impacts
2. It is the intent of the City of Fort Lauderdale not to approve any projects on sites that neither contain, nor are adjacent to, any significant or unique environmental features, or any properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
3. It is the intent of the City of Fort Lauderdale not to violate any Federal, State or local standards or regulations through any project funded in whole or in part by these funds.

An Environmental Review for each project identified for potential use of these funds, will be conducted (as needed) and kept at the City of Fort Lauderdale, 700 NW 19 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311 and will be available for review, examination and copy between the hours of 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday. If copying is requested, a nominal fee may be required.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

All interested agencies, groups or persons disagreeing with these decisions are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Fort Lauderdale, Community Development Division at the address listed above on or before **December 16, 2012**. All comments must clearly specify which decision they object to – the Finding of No Significant Impact or the Request for Release of Funds. All comments so received will be considered by the City of Fort Lauderdale prior to its taking any administrative action or requesting release of funds on the date listed above.

RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS:

The City of Fort Lauderdale will undertake the type of projects described above with the use of the various funding sources detailed above, received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under the various applicable acts, as amended. The City of Fort Lauderdale is certifying to HUD that the City of Fort Lauderdale and its chief executive officer, in his official capacity as City Manager, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that, upon its approval, the City of Fort Lauderdale may use the funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and other related laws and authorities.